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That the Statute of 17. *Edwardi* 4. made to prevent the abuses in making of Tyles, not providing sufficient remedie against the great mischiefs arising by the great increase of building. And there being no Law at all touching the making of Bricks.

Therevpon Queene *Elizabeth Anno* 10. did incorporate the M^r. Keepers, or Wardens of the Societie of the Free-men of the mystrie or Arte of the Tylers and Brick-layers of *London*, and to have the gouernment and ordering of that Arte and Mysterie, and all things pertayning therevnto, within *London*, or fifteene miles compasse thereof, with power to make Ordinances: which Charter is sithence confirmed by his Maiestie.

The Master and Wardens (among other things) did ordaine that it might be lawfull for them twise every yeere, or oftner, to enter into any place, where any earth or clay shall be digged, within fifteene miles compasse of *London*, to make any Tyles or Bricke; or where any Chalke or other stone shall be digged, to be vsed with the laying of Bricke or Tyle, or for making of Lyme, to view the same to be good & well done. And whether every Bricke intended for sale, be in length nine Inches, in bredth foure Inches and a quarter, in thicknesse two Inches and a quarter; every plaine Tyle in length ten Inches and a halfe, in bredth six Inches and a quarter, in thicknesse halfe an Inch and a quarter; every Roofe-Tyle in length thirteene Inches, in thicknesse one Inch, with conuenient depth; every Corner Tyle or Couer Tyle, in length ten Inches and a halfe: That every Sand-Cart should containe eigh- teene Bushels at the least, and every Lime-Sacke a Bushell of burned Lime, being knit together, and that it be well burned; with diuers other Ordinances: All which were confirmed by Sir *Nicholas Bacon* Knight, Lord Keeper of the great Seale; *William*, Marques of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England; Sir *Robert Culline* Knight, Lord Chiefe Iustice of England, vnder their Hands and Seales.

But seeing the abuses of this kinde increase daily, to the great labour and expence of the said Master and Wardens:

They humbly pray,

That it may be Enacted, that the Affize of Bricke and Tyle, and the measure of Lyme and Sand, may be obserued in *London*, and in all places within fifteene miles compasse thereof, according to the said Ordinances.

And that the Master and Wardens, or their Deputies, may enter and search for any defaults and offences, and finding any, to make entry thereof, and of the certaintie thereof, in some Court of their Companie, to be held within one Moneth after.

And that every person offending in making, selling, or offering to put to sale any Bricke, Tyle, Lime or Sand, contrary to the said Ordinances, shall forfeit as follow- eth (*viz.*) for every 1000. of Bricks iij^s iij^d. For every 1000. of plaine-Tyle iij^s iij^d. For every 100 of Roofe-Tyle, Gutter-Tyle, and Corner-Tyle, vj^d. For every Load of Sand, iij^d. And for every 100 of Lyme xij^d.

And that in lieu of their great paines in searching and viewing, they may haue for Bricks, Tyles, Lyme, and Sand, put to sale in *London*, or within fifteene miles com- passe as followeth (*viz.*) for every 1000. of Bricke, ob. For every 1000. of plaine Tyles, j^d. For every 100 of Roofe tyle, corner tyle, gutter tyle, ob. For every Load of Sand, a farthing. For every 100 of Lyme, ob.

And that they shal or may bring their Action of Debt, or distraine for the same. The one moyetie of the said fines to the King, the other to the Master & Wardens: And they to pay the Kings moyetie yeerely in Michaelmas Terme into the Exchequer.

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